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Montana Past State Aerie President Pays It Forward With Donation To Camp For Diabetics

Growing up with Type 1 diabetes can be a difficult experience. For Chris McLaughlin, the American Diabetes Association's Camp Montana gave him the knowledge and the confidence necessary to make the most of his situation.

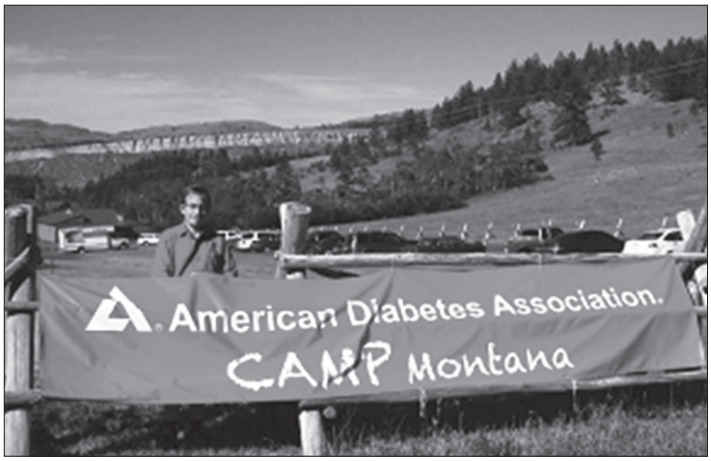
Now, McLaughlin's advocacy will allow children growing up just like he did to make the same leap forward.

From June 2013-May 2014, McLaughlin, a member of Bozeman #326, served as the State Worthy President of the Montana Fraternal Order of Eagles.

As a child, Bozeman's Eagles sponsored McLaughlin, providing him the $150 necessary to attend Camp Montana. The experience inspired the 38-year-old to make Camp Montana's Scholarship Fund his special President's Project, enabling him to provide others the same remarkable journey he encountered years ago.

Throughout his year as President, McLaughlin, who was diagnosed at age 6, traveled to Aeries across the state, raising money for the cause.

On Saturday, June 21, he had the privilege of presenting a check for $20,479.89 to Kirsten Weatherford of Camp Montana. The donation is estimated to provide camp fees for nearly 35 diabetic children.



Montana Past State President Christopher McLaughlin, member of Bozeman #326, used his experience at Camp Montana as motivation to raise funds during his year to help other young diabetics get the knowledge and experience they need to find success.

The total made the Fraternal Order of Eagles one of the camp's Top Five Sponsors for 2014, providing yet another example of why the organization is known

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Assistant to the Grand Madam President Hope Mickle, Grand Trustee Carl Burnett, Grand Madam President Gloria Mason and Grand Worthy President Bud Haigh pose for a photo during a Children's Shopping Spree event in New Mexico last month.

Pair of New Mexico Aeries Continue Two Decades of Christmas Tradition

In December, Hobbs #3189 and Clovis #3245 held their annual Children's Shopping Spree event, providing thousands of dollars to help less fortunate area children receive the Christmas they deserve.

Both Hobbs and Clovis have been holding the event for more than two decades. Children in need are identified by local schools and taken to an area department store where they're given a budget of $150 to spend as they wish.

Following each event, the children and their families return to the Aerie to receive a full breakfast.

Eagles raise money for the shopping sprees through a variety of events held throughout the year.

Traditionally, the Grand Worthy President and Grand Madam President are invited to attend each year's festivities.

From The Archives: January 1961

Cross the Terrain to a Net Gain

You became an Eagle.
You belong to the Eagles.
You know about the Eagles.
You care about the Eagles.

Whether you joined less than a month ago or more than 50 years ago, you affiliated yourself with the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ever since that time, you have maintained your Eagle membership as a Brother to every other member in our fraternity.

You know all about the Eagles' crusades for workmen's compensation acts, mothers' pensions, old age pensions, the Social Security Act, youth guidance, and world service projects.

You care about the Eagles, wanting to see your Aerie grow and the Order prosper, proud of the worthwhile "people-helping-people" programs of Eagledom, realizing that all of our programs depend upon the manpower and heartpower of individual Eagles.

But becoming and belonging, knowing and caring, are not enough. Your Order needs your help as a member-getting member if we are to move forward. The Eagles do not have paid organizers. The Order depends upon the volunteered co-operation of individual members to add new members to the roster of Eagledom.

Other fraternal orders have various degrees. The Eagles do not. The only title of added distinction in the Eagles is an earned one—that of EAGLE PRODUCER, a member who has sponsored one or more new members during a particular year.

To be an EAGLE PRODUCER is to earn the respect and commendation of your fellow-members as one backs his beliefs with action—helping his fraternity to have a NET GAIN in membership for the year.

An EAGLE PRODUCER is a "V.I.P." in Eagledom—a "very important person," without whom any Aerie or any organization slowly slips backwards. For an organization cannot stand still. It moves forward or it slips backwards. That's why we need you and ask you to sponsor one of your friends, neighbors, or co-workers, as an Eagle member during 1961.

Not as prizes . . .
Not as premiums . . .
Not as pay for producers . . .

But as an evidence of the deep appreciation of the fraternity for those who keep it going and growing, your Membership Department announces the following Producer Awards for those Eagle members who sign up one new member or more between January 1st and June 1st, 1961:

1. **PRODUCER PIN.** A special Eagle lapel pin, engraved "EAGLE PRODUCER—1961."
2. **POCKET SECRETARY.** A pocket secretary, embossed "EAGLE PRODUCER—1961."
3. **EAGLE LEADER.** A free six-months' subscription to *The Eagle Leader,* the newspaper for EAGLE PRODUCERS.
4. **THE EAGLES.** Complimentary copy of the 64-page, picture booklet, *The Eagles,* telling the story of the Eagles.

These special awards are part of the coast-to-coast campaign—"CROSS THE TERRAIN TO A NET GAIN"—the Order's determined effort to secure an overall increase in Eagle membership by June 1st. In addition, co-operating Aeries will be offering special producers' parties and local recognition for those who add a new member to the family of Eagledom.

The answer is in your hands. If you will sign up your new member for 1961, you will earn the title of EAGLE PRODUCER, your Aerie will be helped toward a NET GAIN in members, your Fraternal Order of Eagles can "CROSS THE TERRAIN TO A NET GAIN." With your help we can GET IT DONE IN '61.

Thank you,

Maurice Splain Jr.
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Grand Aerie Membership Director

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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for December 2014

Aerie:

1. #4208 Hudson, FL	44
2. #3293 Leisenring, PA	42
3. #630 Galion, OH	40
4. #4264 New Market, VA	32
#1859 Bellwood, PA	32

Auxiliary:

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	20
2. #3358 Granite Falls, WA	19
3. #1562 Gettysburg, PA	16
4. #3566 Valrico, FL	15
5. #493 Connellsville, PA	14
#766 Shelbyville, IN	14

Aerie (Individual):

1. Gina Powell	23
#630 Galion, OH	
2. Stephen J. Costlow	21
#450 Noblesville, IN	
3. Laura McFadden	20
#1859 Tyrone, PA	
4. Roger Gaynor	17
#1282 Cheboygan, MI	
Bill Vettori	17
#3206 Madison Heights, MI	

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Allyson Grills	9
LaGrange, OH #2051	
2. Beverly Parker	8
Granite Falls, WA #3358	
Carole Eppley	8
Gettysburg, PA #1562	
4. Malea Smith	7
Fenton, MI #2460	
Patricia Susan Malone	7
Warren, PA #313	

We Are People Helping People

California

-Stockton #83 got creative this holiday season, salvaging 65 bicycles to donation to children at Mary Graham Hall. Most of the bikes were reclaimed from a local dump, with Eagles cleaning and repairing them in time for Christmas. The project took three months to finish. Bikes were given away Dec. 19, during a special dinner hosted at the Aerie. Santa Claus made an appearance at the event to pass out additional gifts.

Connecticut

-Wallingford #1820 surprised local Wal-Mart shoppers with $50 gift cards over the holidays. Members handed out 24 gift cards for a total of $1,200 and donated $500 to the Wallingford Senior Center, as well as $150 to each of two local homeless shelters. The project was led by Conor Walsh, who read about a similar project elsewhere and brought it to the table at the Aerie.

Florida

-Brandon #3566 held their annual Kids' Christmas Party, which celebrated 16 years in 2014. Boys and girls ages 5-6 from families facing hardships during the holidays are invited to attend the event where the kids are presented with bundles of gifts. Each child received two pairs of shoes, 12 pairs of socks, 12 pairs of underwear, pajamas, a coat, three toys, a hat made by Joanne Imij and a blanket knitted by Terri Bobb. Additionally, each girl gets three outfits and each boy receives three pairs of pants and three shirts.

Indiana

-Butler City #2733 presented a donation of $1,000 to St. Martin's Healthcare Center.

Maryland

-Salisbury #4503's Children's Christmas Party was held the weekend before Christmas. Santa appeared to talk with the children and provide gifts donated by the local Toys for Tots group.

Michigan

-Secord Lake #4121 presented checks totaling $1,500 to the Gladwin Big Boys Club, who will use the money to help area residents in need.

Minnesota

-The Winona Fire Department purchased a pair of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) using a donation of $5,000 from Winona Eagles #1243.

Missouri

-Cass County #4492 donated new warm-ups to district Special Olympics athletes. The Eagles presented a donation of nearly $8,000 during the district's December school board meeting. Funds were raised during the group's annual Bikers, Blues & BBQ fundraiser during the summer.

Texas

In the January 2014, edition of Soar, we ran a story detailing the efforts of Delaware, Ohio, #376, surprising area residents with cash during the Christmas holiday to help pay for gifts. The men and women of San Antonio #70 took the story to heart, with the Past President's Club starting a 50/50 drawing each Friday night. The program raised $2,300 throughout the year. In December, Past Presidents Tony Sanchez, Paul Wilson and Jim O'Dell headed to the local Burlington Coat Factory and surprised 11 shoppers with $100 each. The next night, they surprised 12 more shoppers. They plan on holding the drawings all year in 2015.

Nebraska

-11 years ago, Bruce Richman issued a challenge to members of North Platte #2839, asking each to try to raise more money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's than Richman could himself. Tommy Camargo answered the challenge, raising $750 and walking 12.5 miles to help find a cure. Camargo has continued the project ever since, with the Eagles matching whatever he personally raises for the cause. In 2014, Camargo broke his own record, raising $6,400, for a total donation of $12,800 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association and walking 25 miles.

Oregon

-North Lincoln #2576 delivered food and toys to nearly 200 families in south Lincoln City. Members braved high winds and heavy rains to make the donations.

Pennsylvania

-The Gettysburg #1562 dart team, with the help of the Aerie and Auxiliary, raised $5,000 to donate to Danny Sullivan, a young boy in the community who is very ill.

Virginia

-Jean Oliver of Alva #871 made scarves and hats for Operation Gratitude using yarn donated by Auxiliary members. The scarves and hats were sent to troops overseas.

Washington

-Stevenson #1744 was recently named the local Charitable Organization of the Year in the Skamania County Pioneer. The Aerie raised more than $12,500 for scholarships to benefit Stevenson High School graduates, $2,200 for the school's music program and $600 to help purchase hearing aids for a local foster girl. The Auxiliary gave away $500 in scholarships, $500 to Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and $1,500 to the Stevenson Food Bank.

British Columbia

-In December, Nelson #22 donated a total of $23,780 to 23 different groups and causes. All of the money came from the Eagles bingo games.

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throughout the world as "People Helping People."

McLaughlin attended a one-day session of the camp earlier this year as a special guest. The donation marks the completion of a dream for the Bozeman native.

Since attending the camp, he has aspired to provide the experience to others. Many traditional summer camps do not accept diabetic children as they are not equipped to handle their medical needs.

Providing the camp experience through Camp Montana enables diabetic children to feel included and receive unique diabetes care instruction to ensure their continued health and success.

The camp, which began in 1970, is held at Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch outside of Fishtail. In 2013, it was renamed Camp Montana with the length of the stay extended to one full week.

While the primary objective of the camp is to provide a safe, fun, traditional experience, attention to the medical needs of each camper is a top priority. Each camper is given the opportunity to learn and practice valuable diabetes self-management techniques under medical supervision.

Within weeks of the donation, the Fraternal Order of Eagles officially opened the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center on the campus of the University of Iowa. The state-of-the-art facility features 20,000 square feet of modern medical research space inside the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building where a staff of 100 researchers work daily on discovering new ways to prevent, maintain and treat diabetes in hopes of one day finding a cure.

If you have a unique story or experience to share, submit it to marketing@foe.com for consideration in a future edition of Soar.

Ohio

The Ohio State Aerie was recently presented with a special crystal Eagle by Premier Community Health in commemoration of the State Aerie's $1,000,000 in total donations over the last 20 years. Pictured is Grand Inside Guard Rick Powell presenting the eagle to Ohio State Secretary Bill Isaacs.

News & Notes

Book Your Convention Room Today

We are happy to announce that our Milwaukee hotels are now booking room reservations for the 2015 International Convention. This year's Convention will take place July 13-16. Special Eagles hotel rates are now available at the Hilton and Hyatt hotels. Visit the Convention page at www.foe.com for hotel booking links and a quick guide to where some of our events will be located in order to help you book the right hotel for you! More Convention information will be released through the Convention page, our e-newsletters, Soar and the official Grand Aerie Facebook account as it is made available. We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee!

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Children's Day

Support your community youth for a chance to win $3,000!

Each year, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Children's Day Contest encourages Aeries and Auxiliaries to organize a one-day event for area youth, instilling the values and beliefs of the F.O.E. and increasing education and awareness for community safety.

To find out more about Children's Day, contact marketing@foe.com, visit our.foe.com or contact the department directly at 614-883-2210.

Events between Aug. 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015 are eligible. All submissions due to the Grand Aerie by June 19.

How do we get started?

- Ask the Aerie & Auxiliary Presidents to appoint a chairperson along with a committee.
- Set a date. The event can fall anywhere between August 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015.
- Contact various agencies and inquire as to what type of programs they may offer, such agencies include: Department of Public Safety, local police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, Boy/Girl Scouts.
- Advertise the event as much as you can and get the word out, contact: Radio stations, television stations, newspapers, print flyers and distribute them at elementary schools, day care centers.

What kind of activities should we plan?

Photo ID sessions, finger printing program, fire & home safety, drug awareness program, drug abuse program, bicycle safety, gun safety, water safety, first aid education, use your imagination!

KEEP IN MIND:

Any event you hold during the year that benefits children qualifies for Children's Day! The above suggestions are based solely on previous years' participants.

What should I include in my packet to the Grand Aerie?

Take photos and let us know what your Aerie and Auxiliary Children's Day Program consisted of. Don't forget to include any newspaper articles.

Submissions must be in the hands of the Grand Aerie Marketing and Communications Department no later than June 19, 2015.

Submit what your Aerie/Auxiliary has done for Children's Day. One winner will be chosen at the Grand Aerie Convention in Orlando, Florida, and will receive recognition.

Entry forms available online at www.foe.com!

The Grand Worthy President along with the Children's Day Committee will review all submissions. The Aerie/ Auxiliary with the best program will receive:

Plaque to hang in your Aerie/ Auxiliary

Recognition at the Grand Aerie Convention.

A $3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund*

*Grant recipient must qualify under the regulations that govern our Eagle Charities.

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